



# Community Service Week

## Final Report

October 16 – 23, 2016



### Executive Summary

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Community Service Day in 2016. 3,564 volunteers contributed 7,296 hours on 111 service projects throughout the week. Accomplishments included collecting nearly 23,000 pounds of food to help more than 1500 families, cleaning streams and parks, cooking food for local shelters and needy families, upgrading facilities for people at risk, sorting donations, making welcome kits for new county residents, painting storm drains, preparing organic garden beds and much more!



Following is a list of participating agencies, projects, volunteer numbers and hours:

Agency name	Community Service Project	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
A Wider Circle	Neighbor to Neighbor – sorted through household donations to turn houses into homes	8	30
Adventist Community Services Of Greater Washington	Sorted clothing and donations for victims of the Piney Branch fire	4	24

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ARC of Montgomery County	Partnered with CVC for fall beautification and classroom refresh for ARC facilities	45	180
Bikes for the World	Showed festival goers how to change pedals	4	8
CentroNia	Volunteers provided support staff for annual gala fundraising event	2	12
City of Rockville	Cleaned up Maryvale Stream	6	12
City of Rockville	Cleaned up Twinbrook Stream	4	32
CNSI (corporate)	Created homeless resource bags for the Montgomery County Coalition for Homeless	not reported	not reported
Community Ministries of Rockville	Painted the clinic beige – cleanup and painting	14	31
Comfort Cases	Packed toiletries for children entering the foster care system	40	40
Comfort Cases	Made fleece blankets for children entering the foster care system	64	64
Conflict Resolution Center	Hosted tent at World of Montgomery Festival to welcome newcomers	3	15
Children of Persia (KindWorks)	Hosted Persian dinner and entertainment at Carroll House Men's Shelter	10	20
Chinese Culture & Community Service Center (CCACC)	Hosted tent at World of Montgomery Festival to share Chinese customs and foods	NR	
Crossroads Farmers Market	Volunteers helped with setup and cleanup at the market	1	2
Dayspring Church	Put a garden to bed	88	264
Department of Environmental Protection	Energy Exploration event at Gaithersburg Library	3	9
Department of Environmental Protection	Green Apple Day of Service	1	3

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Department of Environmental Protection	Educated residents on recycling and energy programs at World of Montgomery Festival	8	18
Department of Transportation	Bicycle donation event for county employees	not reported	not reported
Department of Health & Human Services	'Bring a Can if You Can' food drive	not reported	not reported
Discover Long Branch (business league)	Walkathon for victims of Flower Branch fire	133	532
Dufeif Elementary School	Manna Kids Helping Kids food collection		
Fidos for Freedom	Cleaned and maintained building	3	18
Forest Park Neighborhood	Removed vines in Dorothy's Woods	not reported	not reported
Gilchrist Center	Hosted World of Montgomery Festival	9	35
Green Wheaton	Rescued plants for conservation garden	3	12
GrowingSOUL	Helped at the garden and greenhouse at Sherwood High School	not reported	not reported
Homecrest House	Spring planting	1	2
House of Divine Guidance	Yard beautification for Lighthouse Transitional Program for formerly homeless young mothers	12	39
Interfaith Works	Mark Your Mark Montgomery 5K/1K (volunteer support)	211	422
Interfaith Works	Cleaned and beautified yard at Carroll House	7	18
Interfaith Works	Organized and sorted donations	37	74
Interfaith Works	Cleaned and beautified yard at Becky's House	10	20
Interfaith Works	Cleaned and beautified yard at Watkins Mill shelter	11	22
Interfaith Works	Hosted dessert social and painting activity at Wilkins Avenue shelter	1	2
Jubilee Association of Maryland	Cleared and cut areas for vegetable garden; deep cleaned and organized a home	not reported	not reported

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Agency name	Community Service Project	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)	Volunteers helped with dance, sports and music projects for disabled kids	2	8
KindWorks	Hosted food drive at Bethesda Elementary School and Rockville Town Center	30	69
KindWorks	Hosted dinner at Children's Inn @ NIH	9	18
KindWorks	Hosted brunch at Children's Inn @ NIH	9	18
KindWorks	Healthier Living activity with residents of the Wilkins Avenue Shelter	2	4
KindWorks	Hosted Bingo and birthdays event at Community Vision	5	8
MCPS: Kingsview Middle School	Collected toys, books, cards and candy to benefit the Evan Fund (neuroblastoma research)	25	38
Learning Disabilities Learning Association Of Montgomery County	Provided outreach to local schools on organization's services to children with learning disabilities.	16	32
Leveling the Playing Field	Hosted outreach event	Event	Event
Little Falls Watershed Alliance	Cleaned Little Falls and Norwood parks	66	135
Manna Food	Food collection at Arliss Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Aspen Hill Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Bethesda Row Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Blair Park Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Burtonsville Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Cabin John Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Chevy Chase Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Colesville Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Diamond Square Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Flower Hill Giant Store	30	60

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Manna Food	Food collection at Georgetown Square Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Germantown Commons Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Goshen Crossing Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Kentlands Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Kingsview Village Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food/Boost Her World	Food collection at Leisure World Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Montrose Crossing Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Muddy Branch Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Neelsville Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Olney Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Potomac Promenade Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Rockville Town Center Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Shady Grove Center Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Shoppes at Traville Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Westfield Wheaton Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at Westwood Shopping Center Giant Store	30	60
Manna Food	Food collection at White Oak Giant Store	30	60

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Mary of Nazareth Catholic School	Coat collection drive to benefit Saint Martin's Church	collection	collection
MCPS: Beverly Farms Elementary School	Built an edible garden and cleared walking paths	34	136
MCPS: Clemente Elementary School	Food drive, garden planting	70	140
MCPS: Cloverly Elementary School	Jump Rope for Heart	10	
MCPS: Frost Middle School	Student collected hair to use for cleaning up oil spills	1	10
MCPS: Gaithersburg High School – Special Ed/Best Buddies	Filled welcome bags for new county residents	6	6
MCPS: Gaithersburg Middle School	Yard beautification project	35	105
MCPS: Gaithersburg High School	Planting and beautification	150	150
MCPS: Gaithersburg High School	Wrote letters to troops	200	150
MCPS: Gaithersburg High School	Crafts	200	150
MCPS: John Poole MS	Created care packages and wrote letters to troops	360	360
MCPS: Pyle Middle School	Fundraiser for UNICEF Advocacy for Girls Up Shoe Collection for Rukundo	collection	collection
MCPS: Richard Montgomery High School	SERT – School wide cleanup	24	24
MCPS: Richard Montgomery High School	SGA – Created of world language study cards	118	118
MCPS: Richard Montgomery High School	Tutored at College Gardens Elementary School	7	7
MCPS: Richard Montgomery High School	MYP – Personal mentoring project	82	82
MCPS: Ridgeview Middle School	Collected food and clothing for the Stepping Stones Shelter	110	collection
MCPS: Rock Terrace School	Participated in Manna Food Drive	collection	collection

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MCPS: Walt Whitman High School	Walkathon for childhood cancer patients at Children's National Medical Center and raked leaves to raise funds for Soccer Without Borders	58	408
Montgomery Housing Partners/Connecticut Avenue Estates	Cleaned up trash	1	4
Montgomery Village Foundation	Weed Warrior Wednesday	2	3
Organization for Advancement/Services Individuals With Special Needs (OASIS)	Built fence and trails, shredded leaves, composted and built greenhouses	33	132
Department of Parks	Trail workday	12	48
Department of Parks	Weed warrior events	34	89
Department of Parks	Parks and streams events	256	743
Department of Parks	Handed out goodies and help with activities at not So Scary Eye Spy Halloween train ride at Cabin John park; Ghosts, witches, grim reapers and scary characters scared train riders at Wheaton's Haunted Train Ride	56	227
Peerless Rockville	Old Baptist Cemetery cleanup	12	24
Potomac Library	Parade and family festivities celebrating the library's 25 <sup>th</sup> year	12	72
Rebuilding Together	Volunteers helped with fundraising golf tournament	2	8
Shepherd's Table	Hosted French students participating at food distribution event	33	66
Velocity of Books	Sorted children's books at Glenallan Elementary School to provide free books for kids	4	4
World of Montgomery Festival	Ambassadors	57	114
WSSC	Volunteered with A Wider Circle	5	15

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Volunteer Center	Decorated welcome bags for new residents (WOMF)	10	32

### Volunteer Center at the World of Montgomery Festival



The Volunteer Center hosted 10 Service Project tents at the World of Montgomery Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2016. The largest number of tents was devoted to the Department of Environmental Protection who, with support from a local business partner providing solar energy for the afternoon, educated festival-goers on recycling, energy conservation and more. Volunteer Center staff hosted several tents focused on creating “welcome bags” for refugees and other new county residents. The bags were decorated by children at the festival, stuffed with helpful information by students from the Special Ed/Best Buddies program at Gaithersburg High School then delivered to various organization for distribution to individual families. Two other organizations assisted with Volunteer Center Tents: Bikes for the World showed festival-goers how to change pedals on bicycles for a future event. Conflict Resolution Center invited festival goers to consider ways to listen with empathy as they met and welcomed newcomers through a series of exercises designed to illustrate these techniques.

### Montgomery County Employees

The Montgomery County government launched an Employee Giving Campaign during the month of October 2016. The Campaign runs from October 17 through December 2, and many of the County departments participated in Community Service Week as part of their giving efforts to nonprofit organizations. Giving initiatives comprised of inter-departmental collection drives and participating in the Community Service Week projects. Some of the campaign event activities were:

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- Department of Environmental Protection – Green Apple Day of Service.
- Department of Environmental Protection - Energy Exploration Event at Gaithersburg Library.
- Department of Transportation – Bicycle donation week to collect bicycles for the Rockville Bike Hub, a non-profit organization whose volunteers refurbish the bikes and then donate them to low-income residents in the County.
- Department of Health and Human Services - “Bring A Can If You Can” food drive, partnership with Manna Food.

### Montgomery County Public Schools



The Montgomery County Public School system encouraged all schools to participate in Community Service Week, forming an important bond with the Volunteer Center for ongoing participation in this annual event. Some of the school activities were:

- Beverly Farms Elementary School – Built an edible garden.
- Clemente Elementary School – Food drive and garden planting.

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- Cloverly Elementary School – Jump Rope for Heart fundraising.
- Frost Middle School - Student collected hair to use for cleaning up oil spills.
- Gaithersburg High School Best Buddies Program – Stuffed welcome bags that were distributed by the International Rescue Committee to new county residents.
- John Poole Middle School - Created care packages and letter writing to troops.
- Pyle Middle School - Fundraiser for UNICEF, Advocacy for Girls Up and shoe collection for Rukundo.
- Ridgeview Middle School - Collected toiletries for the Stepping Stones Shelter and Manna food collection.
- Rock Terrace School - participated in Manna Food Drive.
- Walt Whitman High School – Raked leaves to raise money for Soccer Without Borders.
- Walt Whitman High School - Walkathon to support the childhood cancer patients at Children's National Medical Center.

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